

## CHAOS IN NEXT PARLIAMENT

## ASQUITH MUST RELY ON IRISH AND LABOR SUPPORT.

Many Liberals Will Not Support His Home Rule Pledge and the Nationalists Favor Protection—Laborites Reserve Too—Even the Cabinet Split.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, Jan. 22.—Returns from nearly four-fifths of the constituencies indicate that the Unionists will hold more seats than the Liberals in the new Parliament. The balance of power will be held by the Nationalist and Labor members.

If the proportion of Unionist gains recorded thus far continues in the remaining districts, the number of Unionist members will be 283, and the Liberals, Laborites and Nationalists will total 387. Of these not more than 760 will be Liberals.

Prime Minister Asquith must therefore depend upon his Irish and Labor allies for his majority. It scarcely need be explained that this combination will be weak and unstable.

A considerable number of Liberal candidates have been telling their constituents in this campaign that they will refuse to support home rule despite Mr. Asquith's quasi pledge to the Nationalists. Moreover, nearly all the Irish members are opposed to free trade and are strongly protectionist in their sympathies.

The Labor members deeply resent the reputation that they are allies of the Liberals. Although they have voted with the Government on most questions, they are not unanimous supporters of free trade. They favor the land tax, however, and the socialistic features of the budget, which the Irish detest.

It is clear that the essential elements of cohesion which were present in Gladstone's last Parliament in 1893 will be absent in the new House. It is hinted already that a certain section of the Unionists are quite ready to make a bargain with the Irish members for granting practically as large a measure of home rule as men of Asquith's moderate type are willing to concede.

Parliaments of small majorities have often had long life in England, but one of the present description, where the Cabinet itself will be torn by serious dissensions, is quite new to this country and can scarcely be enduring.

A significant feature of the election fight has been the decisive falling off in the Labor and Socialist vote. The Labor party has already lost five of its fifty-five seats and its popular vote has declined to 389,000, compared with 412,000 in 1906. The Socialists, who had only a few scattering candidates, polled only 10,000 votes, against 28,000 in 1906.

The popular vote of the United Kingdom thus far has been: Unionist, 2,247,000; Liberal, 1,901,000; Nationalist, 61,000. The same constituencies four years ago voted: Unionist, 1,805,000; Liberal, 1,879,000; Nationalist, 15,000. The Nationalist figures have no significance, because in 1906 they were returned without opposition. This year fifty-six are unopposed.

The foregoing figures would show much greater Unionist gains but for the fact that eleven Liberals were returned without opposition, that is without any poll, in 1906, while only one was thus returned this week. Nine Unionists were unopposed in 1906 and fifteen this week.

Seven of to-day's twenty-four polls have been declared, including one Liberal gain, which was foreseen as the Unionists only won the seat in a by-election in 1906 through a split in the Liberal-Labor vote.

The state of the parties is now: Unionists, 213; Liberals, 186; Laborites, 32, and Nationalists, 67. The net Unionist gain is 36. Twenty-nine seats will be filled on Monday. They were held in the last Parliament by 10 Liberals, 7 Unionists, 3 Nationalists and 3 Laborites.

The Unionist and Radical newspapers agree in crediting the Unionists with a win in North Antrim, Ireland. Nearly all the Unionist gains yesterday were obtained in the midland and southern counties. The Liberals made a gain of one in Ayrshire and another in Lincolnshire.

Uxbridge returned the youngest member yet elected. He is a Unionist, the Hon. C. T. Mills, a son of Lord Hillington. He is not yet 23.

Francis Dyke Acland, Financial Secretary to the War Office, has lost his seat in Yorkshire. At the last general election Mr. Acland was returned by a majority of 109. He is the sixth member of the present Ministry to lose his constituency.

Two Unionists who have American wives were successful in yesterday's elections. D. B. Hall, who was successful in the Isle of Wight, married Caroline Montgomery of New York. P. K. Kerr-Smiley, who was successful in North Antrim, married Maud Gaines, daughter of E. L. Simpson of New York.

## COOK VICTIM OF IDEE FIXE.

Frankfort Newspaper Insists He Is a Patient in Heidelberg Sanitarium.

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BERLIN, Jan. 22.—Heidelberg has been considerably excited over the rumor that Dr. Cook had become an inmate of one of the numerous sanitariums abounding in the surrounding district. Inquiries at various establishments have given negative results.

The most definite rumor placed Cook, under the name of Hunter, in the Schloss Hornegg, a cold water cure institute in the Neckar Valley, the director of which gave evasive replies to inquiries.

The Frankfort *Kleine Presse* states that it knows positively that Cook is taking the cure at one of Heidelberg's best known sanitariums. He is said to be very ill owing to the after effects of the excessive consumption of alcohol during his Arctic travels.

The doctors, the story says, diagnose his complaint as alcoholic psychosis, the commonest form of which is known as drink madness, but in Cook's case it has taken the rarer form of the *idee fixe*, which doctors say in some cases is so harmless and plausible that the existence of the derangement is often unsuspected for some time and its extent is extremely difficult to gauge even by specialists. Mrs. Cook is living at Heidelberg, it is said. She is allowed to see her husband from time to time.

## PERU HOSPITABLE TO BRYAN.

Senate and Chamber of Deputies Receive Visiting American Heartily.

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LIMA, Peru, Jan. 22.—William Jennings Bryan visited the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day and was heartily welcomed by the presiding officers of these bodies.

Last night Mr. Bryan was the guest at a banquet given in his honor by Felipe Pardo, the former Peruvian Minister at Washington.

In the afternoon Mr. Bryan and his daughter visited the Prado Ugarte, the celebrated museum, and inspected the objects and documents dating from the times of the Incas and when Peru was a Spanish colony. Mrs. Bryan was slightly indisposed and remained in her room at the hotel.

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## STRANGE MESSINA RELIEF

## GOVERNMENT SPENT NOT A CENT ON THE SUFFERERS.

\$6,000,000 Appropriated by Italian Parliament All Went on Public Buildings or Services—Italy Growing Rich With Emigrants' Aid—The Riddle.

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ROME, Jan. 22.—The \$6,000,000 voted by the Italian Parliament on January 12, 1909, to meet urgent needs and reconstruct buildings and reorganize the public services in the earthquake area was spent as follows:

In repairs and reconstruction of buildings owned by the State or used as Government administrative offices, \$3,000,000.

In replacing army and navy equipments and stores and in provisions distributed for immediate relief, \$1,000,000.

Reorganizing the police service, \$500,000.

Reorganizing the postal telegraph and customs services, \$200,000.

Rebuilding barracks used by the army, navy, police and other officials, \$600,000.

For sundries, as disinfectants, traveling expenses, remuneration of officials for extra work, \$600,000.

There is still unspent \$1,000,000.

The foregoing shows that except for the army and navy stores distributed the urgent needs of the survivors are entirely neglected. Nothing was spent for their direct relief.

Statistics just published by the treasury show a flourishing condition of Italian finances. Under the heading of savings is included the money sent yearly to Italy by emigrants, because it is stated that this money affords an important factor in the national economy. Hence of Italy's public wealth during the years from 1905 to 1908 emigrants contributed all of \$1,000,000. Of this amount \$125,000 was sent through national banks, \$125,000 by post and \$600,000 by private agencies.

The year 1908 was a bad one owing to the financial crisis, but the first nine months of 1909 showed a considerable increase, amounting to \$129,000. The money conveyed personally by returning Italians is not included in these sums. Fifty-three per cent. of the emigrants from Italy were conveyed by Italian ships.

In order to nationalize this traffic it is proposed to encourage the building of Italian steamers and to develop the native shipping trade by increasing the Government subsidies, abating taxes and port dues in favor of national vessels, and abolishing all import duties on materials used in shipbuilding. These measures will be gradually adopted, and in 1910, when a majority of Italy's navigation treaties expire, they will be renewed on the explicit understanding that Italy reserves the emigration traffic for the national companies.

The Rialto Bridge in Venice has been slightly damaged owing to the weight of the shops built on it. There is no imminent danger for the bridge, which is very solid, but it is feared that as the structure rests on piles the central arch may eventually slide and crack. Hence it is proposed to demolish the shops whose weight is on the bridge. The municipal

palace, however, opposes the proposal, as the shops yield high rents. Municipal engineers have decided to strengthen the bridge by iron girders and to substitute cement for the present lead covering of the arch. Needless to say, the old historical aspect of the bridge will be spoiled.

Howard Gould, Count Armand Constant Biron and Mr. Spanier are spending a few days in Rome after a Mediterranean cruise on Mr. Gould's yacht *Niagara*.

Ambassador Leishmann has not yet found a house, and he is not hurrying to find one now that the official receptions given by Ambassadors have been abolished. Mr. Leishmann and his family are still at the Excelsior Hotel, where Mrs. Leishmann has had one of the cellars changed into a skating rink, which is very popular among the younger Roman nobility.

The rents of furnished apartments are so high this year that many Americans who usually winter here have found it cheaper to stay at hotels, which are thus crowded with American guests.

Among them are Capt. and Mrs. Huntington Holmes, Admiral and Mrs. R. H. Moore, Mrs. Clarence Postley, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Livingstone, Mrs. Bishop, John Upham, Mr. and Mrs. Erey Johnston, Medames Donald, Sage Mackay and H. W. Platt, with her daughter, Mrs. Bartlett.

## RUSSIA SIDES WITH JAPAN.

Reasons for the Rejection of Secretary Knox's Manchurian Programme.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 22.—Russia's reply to Secretary Knox's proposal regarding the neutralization of the Manchurian railroad is based on reports by all the leading departments of the Russian Government. Foreign Minister Isvolsky at first favored the general scope of the American proposals, specifically that concerning the Kinkou-Aigun line.

On further examination of the reports, however, particularly that of the Russian Ambassador at Peking, M. Isvolsky reported to Prime Minister Stolypin that Russia's definite adhesion would be disadvantageous. Particular objection was taken to the transfer to an international syndicate of the only railroad connecting Russia with Vladivostok.

Japan's strong objection to the new policy was also cited as a serious fact. Assuming the standpoint that Japan has been actuated by sincere and friendly motives in her recent proposals to Russia, M. Isvolsky has declared that Russia's advantage is to close with the Japanese programme even where it is not acceptable to China. It is understood that France will adopt the same attitude as Russia on the question.

The *Novoe Vremya* and the *Bourse Gazette* are confident that Great Britain will concur.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The State Department received a despatch to-day from Mr. O'Brien, American Ambassador at Tokio, saying that the Japanese Government had declined to approve the scheme for the neutralization of the Manchurian railroad suggested by Secretary of State Knox. Officers of the Department declined to make any comment on Japan's opposition to the scheme or to give the contents of the note from the Japanese Foreign Office.

It was a rather gloomy festival, notwithstanding the presence of St. John Gaffney, the Consul-General at Dresden, who is always a source of good spirited eloquence. The temperature at the banquet was lowered by despondency over the tariff situation as viewed here, where it is thought to have reached a blind alley. America charges Germany with undue discrimination in regard to meat. Germany denies the charge and says she does not discriminate against America more than against any other nation.

All that Mr. Goldberger said which might be regarded as a semi-official declaration—Mr. Goldberger is a Privy Councillor—was that Germany considers that it is America's affair and duty as the party de nouncing the existing compact to make proposals which Germany can accept. At the same time, from another part of the speech it might be inferred that both Governments are meditating an extension of the present "provisionism" for a little while in order to give the negotiations for an abiding agreement a further chance of success.

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## AMERICANS BUSY IN BERLIN

## GEN. WOODFORD AT ORDENS-FEST—MISS HILL'S COMING OUT.

Six Hundred Invitations Issued for Her Ball—Ambassador's Farewell Dinner to the Hitts—Economic Committee Trying to Head Off Tariff War.

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BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The Kaiser has shown himself remarkably cordial toward Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, who came to Europe for the purpose of presenting medals in behalf of the Hudson-Fulton celebration committee, of which he is chairman, to various sovereigns. After a long private conversation with Gen. Woodford on the occasion of his first reception, the Kaiser presented him with the ribbon of the first degree of the Order of the Prussian Crown, instead of the usual third degree. Gen. Woodford, who attended an ordensfest, or reunion of all those holding the Kaiser's orders, says he has never seen so democratic a gathering in any empire. All those who wear these decorations are the Emperor's guests, no matter to what rank in life they may belong.

Invitations have been issued to the number of 600 for a ball at the Hotel Adlon on February 5 in honor of the coming out of Miss Catherine Hill, the daughter of Dr. David Jayne Hill, the American Ambassador. Mrs. Hill had announced that her daughter would not accept any invitation before the regular court ball, which follows the schleppanour, but she reversed her decision in order that Miss Hill might make acquaintances before her own ball on February 5. Miss Hill there accompanied the Ambassador recently to a ball given by German friends.

The last of a round of entertainments for H. S. Reynolds Hitt, the former First Secretary of the American Embassy and now American Minister to Panama, and Mrs. Hitt was a dinner at the residence of Dr. Hill, the Ambassador, in the Thiergarten. It was the first function given there since Dr. Hill's return from America and it was a final sendoff to the Hitts. Dr. Hill made an address in which he complimented his guests and regretted their departure. He congratulated Mr. Hitt on his promotion. A big crowd bade farewell to the Hitts at the railway station. Count Limburg-Sturum has taken the apartments formerly occupied by the Hitts. The Countess of Limburg-Sturum was formerly Miss Newlands, daughter of United States Senator Newlands of Nevada.

There will be a meeting of the Economic Committee of the Ministry of the Interior on Monday which it is believed will greatly influence the issue of the tariff negotiations with the United States. The committee is composed of experts in many branches of trade and finance and economists of note. Among them is Ludwig Goldberger, who is well known on both sides of the Atlantic and is a regular guest at all American functions here. He was the chief speaker at the annual dinner of the American Association of Commerce on Tuesday and he was the only one who alluded to the existing tariff situation.

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